

49. The method of claim <sup>43</sup>~~42~~, wherein, after insertion of at least one decorative layer, a fiber layer is inserted into a hot press and the layers are pressed together with said carrier.
50. The method of claim <sup>43</sup>~~42~~, further comprising embossing a surface structure on at least one decorative layer.
51. The method of claim <sup>43</sup>~~42~~, wherein said carrier is mixed with natural reinforcing fibers.
52. The method of claim <sup>53</sup>~~51~~, wherein said natural reinforcing fibers are selected from the group consisting of hemp, cellulose, and wood fibers.

## REMARKS

The amendments have been taken to adapt this application to United States practice. No new matter has been added.

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